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## **TWO INDICTED FOR ROLE IN MARIJUANA CONSPIRACY, THREATENING OTHERS TO PREVENT TESTIMONY**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that two Mexican nationals living in Kansas City were indicted by a federal grand jury today for their role in a marijuana conspiracy and for threatening others to prevent testimony to law enforcement.

**Mayra G. Carrillo**, 31, and **Rafael M. Ferman**, 38, both Mexican nationals living in Kansas City, were charged in a five-count superseding indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that both co-defendants conspired to possess with intent to distribute 100 kilograms or more of marijuana between July 1, 2003, and Sept. 20, 2004, in Kansas City. Specifically, the indictment alleges that the amount of marijuana was between 100 and 500 kilograms.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Carrillo** possessed a firearm during and in relation to a drug trafficking crime and aided and abetted the use of a firearm to shoot another person on Sept. 11, 2003, in Jackson County.

Count Three of the federal indictment alleges that **Ferman** used intimidation and the threat of physical force against another individual with the intent to prevent the testimony of that person and to hinder the communication of information relating to the commission of a federal offense to law enforcement officers on Nov. 30, 2004.

Count Four of the federal indictment alleges that **Carrillo** used intimidation and the threat of physical force against another individual with the intent to prevent the testimony of that person and to hinder the communication of information relating to the commission of a federal offense to law enforcement officers on Oct. 21, 2004.

Count Five of the federal indictment is a forfeiture count and would require the co-defendants to forfeit any property derived as a result of the conspiracy, including approximately \$24,598 seized on Sept. 20, 2004, at a residence in Kansas City.

Today's superseding indictment replaces an original indictment that was returned by a federal grand jury on Oct. 7, 2004.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David DeTar Newbert. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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